MISSION TO MORWELL—VICTORIA

"Hands" under a Southern Cross (Mime) with students from left: Tim Scheuer, Brian Ford, Michelle Thiemeyer, Christina Ryman.

Nine second-year students have been on a pilgrimage—down the Hume Highway to Morwell. With a lead time of three weeks, Mission proved not impossible.

As the prayers went up, many seeds were planted in the lives of the young people of Morwell. Literally hundreds of children were ministered to by the C.A. team.

To proclaim the message of the Gospel, three members of the team performed as school children (similar to that of the Comedy Company) to relate to the age groups of the school assemblies. The team was well received and even some of the teachers joined in singing, clapping and imitating the actions.

Chief Missioner was our inimitable former principal, Rev. Graeme MacRobb, who spoke on 'Evangelism and Wholeness', using little black boxes as graphic illustrations. Trace Kennard, one of the students, was the overseer and 'cheer' leader of the team. He and Capt. Warren Smith spurred us on and smoothed out any hiccups.

And now children . . . nine Church Army students go down the road to Morwell—Illustrated children's talk by Brian Ford.

The students organised a Monday to Friday Children's Mission held at two centres. The Tobruk Street Hall averaged 35 children while the St. Mary's Centre averaged 25 children each day.

The week of mission culminated in the Celebration of Pentecost and some team members performed a drama called "Hands".

This was a valuable period of learning and doing the work of evangelists.

Kylie and her counterfeits (Drama) with students from left: Tim Scheuer, Michelle Thiemeyer, Jon Martin.

Church Army encourages the Charismatic Multicultural Movement—Children of at least nine nationalities attended meetings.

We're together again, just like old times—Rev. Graeme MacRobb (Now Rector of Drouin) MISSIONER—with 2nd year students from left: Murray Hair, Michelle Thiemeyer, Brian Ford, Trace Kennard, Bruce Ollington, Jon Martin, Tim Scheuer, Pamela Heale, Christina Ryman.

Church Army campaigns for recruits for Year 2000??

FAREWELL

Yes, it's farewell, sadly it's time for me to leave Church Army. Not by choice, but by necessity. You see it has become very evident that a society of this size cannot afford a full-time Publicity & Development Officer. It's not that you, our supporters haven't been generous in your financial support, you have!!! The real problem is that there's just not enough of you! So economically it is just not feasible for me to stay on.

Thank you for your personal support and encouragement. Especially for the many letters I've received. Some written with shaky (and I suspect elderly) hands, but all sent in real spiritual strength, often with words that helped me go on when I felt like giving up.

I feel I've made many friends through the Pioneer, some of whom I've been fortunately able to meet, but with many the link has been your faithful readership and your eager response to the various articles, etc. featured in the magazine.

Our common bond has been our mutual desire to see people brought to Christ and our inspiration has been seeing the Church Army getting on with the job.

Thank you again for your continuing help, and I know that you will continue to help, as I will! For the harvest *is* plentiful and the workers are few!

God bless you all,
WAL SPENCER,
Publicity & Development.

THE NO-COST WAY OF GIVING

Jesus said: *"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."* [Acts 20:35 G.N.B.]

The Church Army in Australia celebrates 55 years of evangelistic ministry in the Australian Church this year. These 55 years of ministry have been made possible by the consistent prayers and financial assistance of members of God's Army.

We at Church Army thank everyone for their support and look forward to another 55 years. For those able and willing to continue or begin financial support, a number of methods of giving are offered as follows:

☐ **BANK DEPOSIT BOOK**—A coded National Australia Bank Deposit Book can be forwarded to you. Your gift in cash or cheque can be taken along to your local N.A.B. branch and just deposited with the form without any cost to you or to the Church Army.

☐ **GIFT ENVELOPES**—We can forward a number of our gift envelopes into which you can place your gift and forward monthly or quarterly as it suits your system.

☐ **CREDIT CARD**—Just fill out your Credit Card number, etc. on our Gift Envelope or on the form in the Pioneer and forward that to us for processing here.

☐ **CAN WRAPPER**—We can provide a colourful wrapper to wrap around a standard 440 gram can p!us a plastic clip-on coin lid to use as a Mission Box. When it is full, take it to your local bank and till out a Bank Deposit slip for transfer to our account at the National Australia Bank at Forestville. Our account number is 082-279-1672-9568.

Please let us know if we can assist your sharing with us by completing the following:

- ☐ Coded Bank Deposit Book
- ☐ Gift Envelopes
- ☐ Can Wrapper
- ☐ Credit Card

Name/Title: .....

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Due to the popularity of the used stamp sales we are starting to run short of stock.

Please start saving used stamps and send them to Church Army.

This year we have raised $480, so let us make this a record year.

THE STAMP MAN,
Telephone (043) 34 1048.

NEW OFFICERS

Captain Peter Hewitt

Captain Hewitt was born in Sydney, but travelled widely with his parents in Australia and overseas. After leaving Barker College, he gained a lot of experience in counselling, youth work and in 1987, was involved in street ministry in the Kings Cross area in Sydney. Peter enjoys many sports, especially America" gridiron. He plays guitar and flute, and sings. Especially good "up front", he has a passion for preaching.

Commissioned as a Church Army officer and admitted to the Office of Evangelist on December 8th, 1988, Peter has now been appointed Parish Assistant in the Parish of the Good Shepherd, Edge Hill, Cairns, North Queensland.

Captain Andrew Mallas

Captain Mallas comes from the Blue Mountains area west of Sydney. Andrew studied at Sydney University, graduating in 1986 with a B.A. degree in Asian studies. His hobbies are music, bushwalking and reading. He also has an interest in languages.

Commissioned in December, 1988 as a Church Army officer and admitted to the Office of Evangelist, Captain Mallas now takes up the appointment as Parish Assistant at St Martin's, Kensington. St Martin's is close to the University of N.S.W.

Captain John Stanley

Captain Stanley's home Church is St John's, Parramatta. He studied for his H.S.C. at James Ruse Agricultural High School and later undertook studies for B.Sc. (Materials Science) while working as a laboratory technician with Pioneer Concrete.

John enjoys sport, particularly surfing. Other interest is cars, and tinkering with them. He's also been a Cub and Youth Fellowship leader.

Commissioned in December, 1988 and admitted then to the Office of Evangelist, Captain Stanley has now been appointed Parish Worker and Youth Minister, St Albans, West Coburg (Melbourne) and part-time Chaplain with the Council for Christian Education in Schools.

THINK ABOUT THIS!

REMEMBER THE WILL OF GOD IN YOUR WORK AND REMEMBER THE WORK OF GOD IN YOUR WILL!

Your legacy to the Church Army could help to ensure the future training of men and women as Evangelists and enable the development of the Society's work in many areas of direct evangelism and Christian service.

For your guidance the following wording can be used as a clause or codicil in your Will:

"I give to the Church Army in Australia* ..... for its general purposes free from any contribution to my debt and testimony expenses and declare that the receipt of the Honorary Treasurer for the time being or other proper officer of the Church Army shall be a sufficient discharge for the same."

* Here insert the sum of money or the description of the houses, land, stock, shares, mortgage, debt or other property intended to be given.

QUO VADIS

I have a strong conviction that the Church Army has from its beginning had a commitment to risk, innovation and excitement in prayer fully presenting the gospel. We have a great challenge in front of us as we consider the changing face of Australia, the nation's needs and strengths and how we can honour God's call upon us as evangelists to our country.

Where are we now?

The Church Army has spent some time honestly appraising its own work in the past. In 1984 a commission made a number of recommendations; these have been examined on several occasions. In 1986 a consultation was undertaken with the Rev. Noel Delbridge, the results of which are also being examined. Some of the changes have already been implemented and others will occur soon.

Where are we going?

To start with, our basic theme is to be better stewards of the gifts we have in both abilities and finance.

1. ADMINISTRATOR

An Office Administrator will be appointed at the National H.Q. to take the load of administration for both the National H.Q. and the College. Brian Mattinson, having done a splendid job in administration and staff work will take some Long Service Leave, and then have a ministry position as an evangelist somewhere in the Sydney area.

2. MISSIONS

We are going to embark on a new programme of active evangelism by way of Parish Missions. All serving Church Army officers and those on Leave of Absence have been asked to be involved. We will be asking you personally to be part of a prayer group for each mission. The College of Evangelism will be invited to use missions as a training opportunity so that students can work *with* evangelists.

3. DAY OF PRAYER

Our first Day of Prayer for 1989 occurred on 27th May. Miss Pat BYRON was the co-ordinator. In Sydney there was a special gathering at BELROSE. In other parts of Australia you are asked to set aside the day or some occasion close to it, to gather some friends and supporters, and pray for the work of Church Army.

4. INTEREST DAY

Each major area in Australia will be provided with a Church Army Interest Day to which all our supporters and any other interested people will be invited. This will be an occasion to reach others with the vocation to Church Army and also an opportunity to gain more supporters for the work.

5. FELLOWSHIP DAY

All Church Army Officers and their families will have at least three times a year to gather in their areas for fellowship and spiritual refreshment. Church Army Officers, as evangelists, are often in isolated, frustrating and spiritually demanding locations. There is a need for continued prayer support and opportunities for refreshment.

6. FINANCE

We need to increase our number of supporters. Could YOU as a reader of PIONEER encourage three more people to support evangelism in the next two years?

Could YOU as one of our very valuable supporters consider prayerfully whether or not you can support us at a higher level?

7. EXTRA HELP NEEDED

Maybe you know somebody who has some spare time to give. We need gardeners, cleaners, artists, musicians, drivers, repair persons, mailing list folders, etc.

Hopefully, you are still reading this article—thank you—please pray for us in this important work.

Many people often say that the Anglican Church "needs a bomb under it". I personally believe we simply need to regain the excitement for evangelism.

As a consequence of increased and better evangelism, more people will come into God's Kingdom, society will be presented with the Christian options in a significant number of people and community values will change for the better. God will once again have priority in Australia.

W. M. H.

A CHURCH ARMY LECTURER

Mr Geoffrey Falkenmire, Lecturer

Teaching at the Church Army College at Belrose is an exciting, profitable and happy exercise. Sludging through the peak traffic to get there from Balgowlah is sheer purgatory.

The work is pleasant because the people who inhabit the College are unorthodox but disciplined, deadly serious but completely optimistic. It is a refreshing mix and my particular investment lies in teaching the history of the Christian Church of the West, from Bethlehem to now.

The students I have met and continue to meet are a motley crew. They range widely across the spectrum in their physical, intellectual, social and emotional characteristics. It is their spiritual uniformity that interests and intrigues me. To a man (or woman) they have one common factor; a confident, lifelong commitment to serve Jesus Christ. To me they represent the commando unit of the Church, the fighting Independent Company.

For this reason, and because I believe in the function and future of the Church Army, I continue to offer my services

NEWS

ENGAGEMENTS:
Captain John Stanley to Alison Turbet on December 25th, 1988.

MARRIAGES:
Captain Brian Mattinson to Nancy Dunk on March 11th, 1989 at St Mary's Balmain.

Student Murray Hair to Robyn Lloyd on January 14th, 1989 at St Paul's Wahroonga.

BIRTHS:
To Captain Michael and Alison Lazarus on March 30th, 1989 Penelope.

RESIGNATIONS:
From the Executive Board:
Bishop Witt (retirement)
Bishop Goodhew (workload)
Canon Gray (wife's illness)
Donald Coburn (retirement).

Officer: Sabina Fantoni—Overseas at present. Will be following different vocation.

Captain Brian Mattinson, (nee) Nancy Dunk)

DEATH:
Mr Stan Pearsall passed away on Sunday evening, May 28th, from the effects of Parkinson's Disease. He had been a resident of the Anglican Retirement Home "Lady Gowrie" in the Sydney suburb of Gordon.

Mr Pearsall was the first Australian-born and trained Officer commissioned into the newly-formed Church Army on August 7th, 1935, at Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle.

Captain Mattinson, who had retained contact with Mr Pearsall since 1984, was asked by Mrs Pearsall to conduct a brief service at the Northern Suburbs Crematorium.

CHURCH ARMY MOVEMENTS

Sister Jane Henry:
Serving as Parish Evangelist at All Souls' Leichhardt where the Rector is Rev. Ron McKinney. Jane has extra responsibilities at present due to the Rector's having to take three months sick leave.

Captain Mark Rogers:
Previously Mark was working part-time at the Church Army Bookshop. Mark now works part-time in the Parish of Morisset (South Lakes) near Newcastle where the Rector is Rev. Walter Hancock.

Captain Warren Smith:
Warren completed his appointment in December 1988 and now serves at Parish Evangelist in the Gippsland Parish of St Mary's Morwell where the Rector is Rev. Atushi Shiboaka. Rev. Graeme MacRobb assisted by our 2nd year students recently completed a Mission there.

Captain Mark Stockwell:
Mark along with his wife Lisa recently moved into a house at West Preston. Mark works as Parish Evangelist in the Melbourne Parish of St Mark's West Reservoir where the Priest is Rev. David Walker. Mark will also assist in the Youth Ministry of Captain Brad Aitken.

Captain Barry Thatcher:
Barry completed his work at Murwillumbah and with his wife Bronwyn now serves in the Melbourne Parish of St Luke's East Frankston where the Incumbant is Archdeacon George Lucas. Large areas of new housing presents Barry with quite a challenge.

Captain David Woodyard:
David and Cindy moved from Traralgon and moved into their house at Warragul. David has been appointed Chaplain at St Paul's Anglican Grammar School in Warragul where the Principal is Mr Des Parker.

Sister Jane Henry

Captain Mark Rogers

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THE CHURCH ARMY IN AUSTRALIA

A Society of Evangelists within the Anglican Church

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STOP A MINUTE

Message FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

The Reverend Murray Harris

Make yourself a cup of coffee and sit down and read this:

"For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power." [1 Cor. 1:17]

How often people remember a clergyman's ministry by the fact that he baptised their baby, married them or buried Mum. It is interesting that St Paul had to state quite clearly how he saw his task. Not on-going ministry which involves pastoral care, sacraments, etc., etc., but *Evangelism*—presenting the cross of Christ in order that people might know God.

Evangelism is a risky business—the Founder was crucified.

Evangelism is a "swords drawn" encounter with the Devil.

Evangelism is bringing people to Christ.

ASK YOURSELF:

Am I remembered for "being nice to people" or for bringing someone to Christ?

W. M. H.

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someone who when presented with a problem or future plans, tends to explore all the possibilities. That is proving helpful.

What about future plans for the College?

I'm conscious there are big changes ahead if only because the College is full to overflowing. Also we have to explore options for the site and each involves a fairly big expenditure. That's assuming we are able to retain the present site at Belrose. If we can't, we've got a very big project ahead of us.

The Anglican Church has declared the 90's as a Decade of Evangelism. How do you see that affecting the College?

It will give us unprecendented opportunities to place officers and to do what we do best evangelism. I'm sure it will bring in an influx of students as well. We've got the goods to give them, the only limitation will be space to accommodate them.

How are things looking on that front for next year?

At this stage we've got six people to be interviewed in the next two weeks, all of whom look fairly promising. On top of that, we have another 20 enquiries. Our limits on space may mean some heavy pruning of those applicants unfortunately.

What role do you see the College playing in the Church's evangelism?

Our task, as I see it, is to equip specialists to work in ministry at all levels in the Church; to do evangelism and to equip others to evangelise. Our emphasis as a College is on practical ministry and personal skills as well as evangelism. That's what we've done in the past and I don't see it changing. The C.A. Officer must also be a model of the Christian wife—in faith and practice, not just evangelism. The resources we have on hand, particularly videos, also seek to fulfil this aim. They are available not just to the Church Army officers but to parishes that don't have evangelists.

THE CHURCH ARMY

COLLEGE NEWS

First-year students

Back Row—left to right:

NATHAN KILLICK is 20 and prior to entering College worked as a shop assistant. He plays guitar and has at least five in his room, at last count. St. Matthew's Manly was his parish before College where he was involved as a Lay Reader and assisted in a parish Coffee Shop and Drop-in Centre called Humpty's. He is attached to the Hornsby Heights parish for field training during 1989.

DAVID CLARK—Almost 24 now. David has come into College from a supportive Christian home. Plumbing was David's field of work but he also enjoys motor sport. Prior to College, David was attached to St. Paul's Chatswood where he was involved with the Senior fellowship and valued the experience of street work contact with unchurched young people. David has been involved with Scripture Union Beach Missions and had some contact with the Church Army Van Ministry when it was stationed in Dorrigo in 1986. David is attached to Waitara parish for field experience.

MICHELLE COOPER—Michelle is from a Christian family and her mother has undertaken some of our training courses here at the College in the past few years. Shop Assistant and Waitress labours occupied Michelle after gaining her Diploma in Agricultural Science at Hawkesbury College. Michelle gained much in the Youth with a Mission Discipleship Course during 1988. St. Peter's Hornsby is Michelle's home parish where she was a youth group leader and worked in a parish Drop-in Centre. Gorokan is Michelle's field work parish.

RICHARD LITSTER—Now 24, Richard was educated at Brisbane Grammar and gained his Bachelor of Engineering at Queensland University. Richard enjoys Tennis, Volleyball and Running and came into College from the Mudgee Parish where he was involved as a Sunday School teacher, Youth Leader and assisted with the Anglican Boys' Society. St. John's Mona Vale on Sydney's northern beaches will be the centre for Richard's field training during 1989.

Front Row—left to right:

WARREN KING—Following High School, Warren worked as a Caterer for five years with the Nestles Company. Warren was born in Ballarat and enjoys Fishing, Tennis and Dancing. He was very involved with the Anglican Boys' Society and served as a Liturgical Assistant in his home parish of Caloundra. Now nearly 24, Warren works with Captain John Harding at Claymore in Sydney's south-west growth area and wants to especially work amongst young children and youth.

MARIE PERCIVAL—Was born 1961 and following her studies for the School Certificate at Canterbury Girls' High School, worked as a Shop Assistant and in Office work. Marie made a trip to Singapore and enjoys Reading and Photography. St. John's Kings Cross was the parish where Marie assisted in the P.J.'s Drop-In Centre and was involved in street work in the area. During 1989, Marie will be attached to St. Giles Greenwich but will undertake some street work conducted by St. Paul's Chatswood.

CHRISTINE PATTISON—At 24, Christine has just completed her Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies at the Australian National University in Canberra, majoring in Japanese. She toured England and later Hong Kong and enjoys Guitar, Clarinet and Singing. While a member of the congregation at St. John's Canberra, Christine was a member of the Diocesan Youth Council and assisted as a Server; in G.F.S. and the Youth Fellowship. Christian Camps have been a keen interest of Christine's while in Canberra. St. Mark's South Hurstville is the base for Christine's field training.